The City of Numbered Days



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"Well. I might say that you what you are, and—"
"That's true; the true over said," snapped Brou a railment does not use his influence to make you just as easily, and a railment does not use his influence to make you just as easily, and a railment does not use his influence to make you just as easily, want on easy market for fire living sin mane use. Broudilard table A my selfigate in his read for more to paramete to his read farmers debts. See tells him he gray to himself, the deddes for the cased in Minapolis, the gray of minapolis the gray of minapolis to become consulting earlier.

Broudlard got up and stately home, the condition of th dillard to become consulting entireer is power company to return for \$100.

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Once more Brouillard is tempted by Contwright. If he accepts Contwright's offen he can make money and stand a \$\frac{3}{3} chance of defeating the crooked \$\frac{3}{3} capital it's purposes in the long run. If he refuses, he loses not only his job but his savinos. What would you do-consider-Ing that acceptance is wrong? §

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CHAPTER XVIII-Continued.

For the better part of a fortnight the with you tidal waves of prosperity, as evinced "Ah" said the millionaire. "Now by increasing speculative values, kept you have brought it around to the on rolling in, each one apparently a lit- point I was trying to reach. You don't the higher than its immediate prode want to have anything more to do sole though so slowly that at first it to each in and pull out of the came. was only by a careful comparison of How much money have you got the daily transfers that the recession

most imperceptible reactionary ten self-control. For one, the Buckskin Mining doned its pastime of plowing barren jected. "Why do you want to know furrows on Jack's mountain, and a litthe later went into liquidation, as the proposed the noninterference policy, phrase ran, though the eastern bond, and I'd like to know how fairly you holders probably called it bankruptcy. mean to live up to it. A little while About the same time the great coment | back you interfered in a small bost plant, deprived of the government market by the slackening of the work on the dam, reduced its output to less than one fourth of its full capacity. Must portentous of all, perhaps, was the rumor that the placers at Quadjohal were beginning to show signs of exhaustion. It was even whispered about that the two hurs gold dredges resently installed were not paying the expenses of operating them.

Wonder city beat sensitive to all these depressive rumors and incidents, responding slowly at first but a little later in accelerated throbbings who could no longer be ignored by the most continuate bidder at the "curb" exchanges.

Still there was no manic. As the ativities in local sales fell off and the Mirapolitans themselves were no longer growding the curbs or standing to line at the real estate offices for their turn at the listings, the prodent ones, with Mr. Contwright and his chosen associates far in advance of the field. were placing Mirapolis holdings tomptingly on view in distant markets; placing them and selling them with blazenry of advertising worthy of the envy of those who have called themselves the suburb builders of Greater

It was after this invasion of the distant market was fully in train that Cortwright once more sent for Broudlard, receiving the engineer this time in the newest offices of the power comsold corner opposite Bongras'.

"Hello, Brouillard!" said the mag nate jocosely, indicating a chair and the never-absent open box of cigars in the same gesture. "You're getting to be as much of a stranger as a man

might wish his worst enemy to be." You sent for me?" Brouillard broke in tersely. More and more he was coming to acknowledge a dull rage

when he heard the call of his master. "Yes. What about the dam? Is your work going to start up again? Or is it going off for good?"

Broudlard bit his lip to keep back the exclamation of astoundment that the blunt inquiry threatened to evoke. To assume that Mr. Cortwright did not know all there was to be known was to credit the incredible.

'I told you a good while ago that I was only the government's hired man." he replied. "You doubtless have much better information than any I can give

"You can tell me what your orders are-that's what I want to know.

The young chief of construction frowned first, then he laughed.

What has given you the impression

have often wondered."

"That's true; the truest thing you ever said," snapped Brouillard.

stocky man in the office chair, with the money."

"Mr Cortwright, I said a moment ago that you have made me what I am, ought to look good to you. What we and you have. I am infinitely a worse need just now in this town is a little man than you are, because I know better and you don't. It is no excuse for can relieve the situation if you feel me that I have had a motive which I like it." haven't explained to you, because, as I once told you, you couldn't understand t in a thousand years. The evil has been done and the consequences, to you, to me, and to everyone in this sursed valley are certain. Facing them as I am obliged to face them, I am telling you-hot what's the use? You can't make a tool of me any lengerthat's all. You must cook your meat over your own fire. I'm out of it."

"I can smash you." said the man in the cirals, quite without heat

"No, you can't even do that," was the equally coel retorn. "No man's tion." He was mo ing toward the door, but ortweight stopped him.

"One more word before you go. Broudlard. It is to be war between us

from this on The "I don't say that It would be awkcard for my born now. Let is be armed neutrality if you like. Don't in-

terfore with me and I won't interfere Then the flood began to sub- with me, but you are not quite ready

The cool stare leave of the question brought a dull flighte the young many Causes and consequences extraneous face, but he would give the exemy ne to the city itsulf contributed to the all advantage in the matter of superior

"That is starcely a fair question and Milling company reluctantly abane even between armed neutrals," he ob-

"I'm asking because you have just



Brouillard Got Up and Stood Over the Stocky Man in the Office Chair.

ness matter of mine very pointedly. What became of the one hundred thousand dollars you gave old David Massingule!

'How do you know I gave him a hundred thousand dollars'

"That's dead easy," laughed the man in the pivot chair, once more the genial buccaneer. "You drew a check for that amount and cashed it, and a few mines later Massingale, whose account had been drawn down to nothing, bobs up at Schermerhorn's window with exctly the same amount in loose cash. What did he do with it-gamble it?" "That is his own affair." Brouillard

ountered briefly "Well, the future-next month's fuore is my affair. If you've got money enough to interfere again-don't. You'll lose it, the same as you did before. And perhaps I sha'n't take the second interference as good-naturedly

as I did the first." "Is that all you have to say?" Broufliard asked impatiently.

"Not quite. I don't believe you were altogether in earnest a minute ago when you expressed your desire to call it all off. You don't want the Mirapo-'lis well to go dry right now, not one bit more than I do."

"I have been trying pretty hard to make you understand that it is a mat-

ter of utter indifference to me."

that you own me. Mr. Cortwright? I | well; it isn't at all a matter of indifference to you," the magnate insisted per-"Well, I might say that I have made sussively. "As things are shaping themselves up at the present speaking. you stand to lose, not only the hundred thousand you squandered on old "And, I was going to add, I can un David, but all you've made besides. I make you just as easily. But I don't keep in touch-it's my business to want to be savage with you. All I'm keep in touch. You've been buying asking is a little information first and bargains and you are holding thema little judicious help afterward. What for the simple reason that with the are your orders from the department?" present slowing down tendency in the Brouillard got up and stood over the saddle you can't sell and make any

"I've got a proposition to make that more activity-something doing. You

"How?" "If I tell you, you mustn't go and use it against me. That would be a low down welcher's trick. But you won't. See here, your bureau at Washington is pretty well scared up over the prospect here. It is known in the capital that when congress convenes there is going to be a dead open and shut fight to kill this Duckskin reclamation project. Very well, the way for you fellows to win out is to hurry-finish your dam and finish it quick, before congress or anybody else can get ac-

For a single instant Branillard was puzzled. Then he began to under-

"Go off," he said-

"What I was soing to suggest is this: You prod your people at Washington with a hot wire, tell cm now's the time to strike and strike hard. They il see the point, and if you ask for an increase of a thousand men you'll get it. Make it two thousand. just for the dramatic elrect. We'fl work right along with you and make things hum again. We'll start up the coment plant and I don't snow but what we might give the Buckskin M. & M, to as a small hypodermic that would keep on alive while we are taking a few suspector pictures of Mirapolis on the jump again.

"Let me get it straight," said Brouillard, putting his back against the door. You fully believe you've got us down: hat eventually, and before the water is turned on, congress will pass a bill like to have the reclamation service go lette young shepherd of souls. ahead and spend another million or so Mirapolis Is that it?"

laughed the promoter. 'Once, some little time ago, I might have felt the necessity of convincing your scruples. but you've cal away all that foolish ness. It's a little tough on our good old Uncle Samuel, I'll admit, but it it be only a pin-prick or so in comparison to the money that is thrown away every time congress passes an approdead practical basis, Broudlard, u.s. our own and only salvation-personally, I mean. You've got to unload of so broke, and you can't unlead on a falling market. You think about it and hen get quick action with the ware-There is no time to lose."

Repuillard was looking past Co-twright and our through the place gives window which commanded a view of and stagings.

"It is a cambler's bet and a rather ing it, Mr. Cortwright. The town is halancing on the knife-edge of a punicat this moment. Would it go up, or work on the dam?"

that it would yell 'Firef' and go up in- parted with his soul for a meney to the air so far that it could never equivalent-if there is such a man left climb down," was the prompt reply, in this bottomiess pit of a town." so right here in the middle of things, out viciously. Nobody will want to pull out and leave

ing may start." "You could let it leak out that, in spite of all the hurrah and rush on the denial. the dam, congress is really going to interfere before we are ready to turn the water on," said Brouillard musingly and as if it were only his thought

slipping into unconscious speech. Precisely. We could make that prop hold if you were actually putting the top course on your wall and making preparations to drop the stop-gate in your spillway."

"I see," was the rejoinder, and it was made in the same half-absent monotone. "But while we are still on the knife-blade edge . . . a little push . . . Mr. Cortwright, if there were one solitary righteous man left

in Mirapolis-" "There isn't," chuckled the promoter. turning back to his deak while the engineer was groping for the door knob | 44 "But you haven't succeeded very |- "at least, nobody with that particu-

lar brand of righteousness bacaed by the needful inside information. You go ahead and do your part and we'll do the rest."

CHAPTER XIX The Man on the Bank

Brouillard, walking out of Mr. Cortwright's new offices with his thoughts afar, wondered if it were by pure coinctdence that he found Castner apparently waiting for him on the sidewalk

"Once more you are just the man a have been wanting to see," the young missionary began, promptly making use of the chance meeting. "May I as in with a bit of bad news?"

There is no such thing as good news in this God-forsaken valley, Castner What's your grief?" There is trouble threatening for

the Cortwrights. Stephen Massingale and about again, and I was told this morning that he was filling himself up with bad whisky and looking for the man who shot him." irroutilard hodded unsympathetic

You will find that there is always

likely to be a second chapter in a book



Three is No Such Thing as Good

f that sort-if the first one isn't con-

But there mustn't be this time." other insisted warmly "No must o it. It is our business to stop it." Your business, maybe, it fails rightyour line; doesn't lift

No more in mine than in yours," a the quick retort.

"Am I my brother's keeper " said killing the Niquota project. But in the the engineer pointedly, catching step meantime, to make things lively, you'd with the long-legged stride of the ath-

"Not if you claim kinship with Cain, n wages that can be turned loose in who was the originator of that very 'You've surrounded it very neatly.' swer shoulke Then: "What has come over you lately Broudland? You are a friend of the Massingules; I've had good proof of that. Why don't you care?

> "Great heavens, Castner, I do care! But if you had a cut finger you wouldn't go to a man in hell to get it nearly as the Journal can tell, the

tied up, would you ** "You mean that I have brought my the state."

"Yes, I meant that, and the rest of PROMIBITION PROMIBITS. it too. I'm no fit company for a decent man today, Castner. You'd better mont of the Polk Hospital for inebriedge off and leave me alone."

cut finger to you!

mation. For the little distance inter- possible proof that it does. According vening between the power company's to the report of the county aminton new offices and the Nisuola building since January I the number of two he tramped beside the young engineer tients sent to the hospital has been in silence. But at the entrance to the the great dam and its network of forms. Niquota he would have gone his way if Broulliard had not said abruptly:

"I save you fair warning: I'm not desperate one," he said slowly "Yeu looking for a chance to play the Good stand to win all or to lose all in make Samaritan to anybody-not even to Stephen Massingale, much less Van Bruce Cortwright. The reason is because I have a pretty decent backload down, with a sudden resumption of of my own to carry. Come up to my rooms if you can spare a few minutes. "The careless thinker would say I want to talk to a man who hasn't

But we'll have the medicine dropper | Castner accepted the implied chalhandy. In the first place, everybody lenge soberly, and together they ascan afford to stay and boost while cended to Brouillard's offices. Once be-Uncle Sam is spending his million or hind the closed door, Brouillard struck

"You fellows claim to hold the keys that cow unmilked. In the second to the conscience shop; suppose you place, we've got a mighty good until open up and dole out a little of the dote to use in any sure-enough case precious commodity to me, Castner, Is of hydrophobia your quick dam build- it ever justifiable to do evil that good

may come "" "No." There was no hesitation in

Brouillard's laugh was harshly derisiye. "I thought you'd say that. No qualifi-

entions asked for, no judicial weighing of the pros and cons-the evil of the evil, or the goodness of the goodjust a plain, bigoted 'No." The young missionary left his chair

and began to walk back and forth on

his side of the office desk. **************** Will the clean-minded young missionary persuade the engi

neer to refuse Cortwright's offer, or will he see the ultimate possibility of Brouillard's winning and counsel him to accept?

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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REMARKABLE CHANGE.

In a statistical survey of the first six months of prohibition in Arizona, January I to July 1, 1915, Thomas K. Marshall shows the marked improvements in all phases of state life. Crime, in counties where saloons existed during 1914, fell off 37.3 per cent when the nalcons were closed. This insured a saving to taxpayers of \$50,773.98 in decreased cost of arrests and prosecutions. Even more striking are the figures for the cities and towns. With a total decrease of 2,403, or 50.1 per cent. in the number of arrests for the first six months of 1915 as compared with the same menths of 1914, the saving amounts to \$85,170.14. This almost offsets the entire amount of liquor license revenue, \$100,998, which was surrendered by the cities of the state.

The record of the city of Phoenix is perhaps the most remarkable of any. Over \$5,000,000 increase in taxable wealth, decrease in tax rate and about \$20,000 less in cost of city government for six months, is credited to the capital city of Afrizona for the first half of 1914. The decrease in arrests for drunkenness for the first six months of 1915 perhaps surpasses that of any city of its size in the United States. The number of arrests for 1914 was 1,210 and for 1915 was \$5. The per capita cost of arrests for 1914 was \$6.53. With 1.125 fewer arrests for the six mouths of 1915 for this cause there was a decreased cost of \$7,246.25 to the city

Savings banks accounts in the state. increased nearly \$400,000 the first six months, and the deposits of all banks increased nearly \$2,000,000 up to September, 1915.

The children of the state are feeling the benefit of probibation. There were for the first six months of 1915 2,000 performed comb for apraying performes more children in school than for the same period of 1914. The registration at the state university also shows an increase of 16 per cent over the registration for 1914.

CAMEL IN ILLINOIS.

A wet and dry map of Hilmots is a News in This God-Forsaken Valley, povenling sort of deciment, save the Chicago Journal It shows that the sale of House is forbibles in more than 80 per cent of the governphical area. of the state. As indicating how great has been the perrent of John Barleyyour, continues the Journal You can start at the Wisconsto boundary and drive in an ansolutely straight line to the Obla river without core entering wet territory. You can start from half a dozen different townships on the Indians border and drive straight to the Mississippi river on dry territory, and only at two places in crossing the state from east to west do you. need to make more than a small detour to avoid wetness.

With the probibition state of lows on one side and dried up Illinois towns. and countles on the other, the Mississippi flows for hundreds of miles between banks of solid drought; for only at els points north of the East St. Louis onsis can the thirsty voyager got anything to drink but water. As camel is marching forward all over

You cannot convince the manage stee at Knoxyttie, is, that probibition Castner did not take the blunt inti- does not protibit. They have the best dwindling nutil at present there are just half as muny patients as there were a year ago Even before the state prohibitory law went into effect, the fact that Des Moines was without saloons tended to cut down the alcoholic patients.

There were 28 patients during the last quarter of 1915 as compared with 53 in the same period of 1514, and since the first of this year the number has decreased still more.

ECONOMIC EFFECT.

On top of the great moral results we have these economic facts. In the first three weeks of January the savings deposits in the banks of Seattle increased 15 per cent. There was not a grocery store in Seattle that did not show an increase of business in January greater than ever known in any month before in all the history of the city, except in heliday time. all the large grocery stores the increase was immense. Every dry goods store, except one, and that I have no figures from, had a wonderful increase in business.

And probibition has not lowered rents. I know of one big dry goods store that has had its rent increased since prohibition went into effect.

TACKLE IT!

What part shall men of large industrial interests have in the campaign for state-wide prohibition?" This was the question considered by a conference of business men in Grand Rapids. Mich. "We have plenty to do attending to our own business," reads the call, "but surely this is a part of our own business. If it is going to improve the conditions of the men in our employ, increase the dividends of our stockholders and cleanse the social life of our city and state, what more important job can we tackle?"

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